STRENGTHS AND CHALLENGES
ON VICTIM ASSISTANCE
IN THE REGION
PERSPECTIVE OF SURVIVORS

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HEALTH

• STRENGTHS
  • In general, medical facilities area available
  • Victim assistance is integrated in general health policy
  • Government has the health ownership

• CHALLENGES
  • In some countries, there are related costs
  • Inadequate first aid, no surgical facilities in communities
  • Not fully implemented
REHABILITATION

STRENGTHS

- In some countries services are free of charge
- In some countries good capacity to use local resources
- Ownership (many local stakeholders)

CHALLENGES

- Scattered services, difficult access, sometimes impossible
- Weak role of government
- Equal opportunities are not available

PSYCHOLOGICAL SUPPORT AND SOCIAL INCLUSION

STRENGTHS

- Traditional support from the family
- Availability of peer support and self-help groups in some countries

CHALLENGES

- Lack of professional support
- Lack of capacity/training
- Lack of priority
- Unsustainable – short term projects
### Economic Inclusion

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<td>• Little commitment and resources to implement the policies</td>
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<td>• Some governments support indirectly</td>
<td>• Lack of monitoring, lack of sanctions</td>
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<td>• Indecent job</td>
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### Legislation and Policies

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<td>• Some States have policies and national disability laws</td>
<td>• Not fully implemented, up to survivors expectations</td>
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<td>• National coordination system needs to be improved</td>
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DATA COLLECTION

**Strength**
- Many stakeholders are involved
- A lot of information collected

**Challenges**
- The data is not shared/centralized
- Data not always reliable, lack of access
- May be social stigma in declaring disability
- No comprehensive information on other persons with disabilities

FINAL REMARKS

Increase awareness on rights and available services

Improve quality and availability of resources

Improve capacity of staff

Change charity-based

Survivor participation to be improved on all victim assistance